

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 19, 2009

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman Eugene Hall, Commissioners Hines Boyd, Stephen Fulford, Felix "Skeet" Joyner and Danny Monroe III. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, and County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird.

1. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the minutes from the March 5, 2009 regular session were approved.
2. County Engineer Frank Darabi informed the Board of ~~FEMA~~ NRCS proposing to pay 75% of the roads damaged by Tropical Storm Fay. He recommended declaring an emergency situation since the bid process would put the projects past the deadline. He also recommended the Board consider dedicating up to \$45,000 in case the two projects the Road Department will work on come up short on the expense ratios. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the emergency situation was declared. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and unanimously carried, Commissioner Monroe was appointed to review project proposals. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Chairman Hall and unanimously carried, the use of up to \$45,000 from the fiscally constrained monies was approved.
3. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were proclaimed Children's Day and Parent's and Children's Day, respectively.
4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the County Coordinator's Report, consisting of department head reports, to the Board.
5. Citizen Cynthia Frazier, resident of Lamont, addressed the Board concerning the restoration of the Old Lamont Schoolhouse. She informed the Board that her group meets every third Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at Mount Morilla Church in Lamont.
6. Commissioner Fulford brought forth the issue concerning a large protected live oak tree at the Apalachee Center site. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen stated that he would work with the center for other building designs.
7. Commissioner Fulford discussed his ideas for the next planning retreat. He wanted to focus on capital improvement issues. The retreat was tentatively planned for May 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Commissioner Boyd spoke of his desire for an update on the comprehensive plan and a look at the personnel policy.
8. **PUBLIC HEARING: MAJOR CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION – BAILEY'S MILL**
9. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen stated that the subdivision met the criteria for conservation subdivision. Project Engineer John Mueller stated that 345 acres were set aside for the conservation easement. Commissioner Joyner wanted a section in the homeowner's association bylaws stating that the roads were not county roads. Mr. Tellefsen stated this was in the covenants. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian expressed concern about requiring a bond for road improvements. Citizen Charlie Belvin expressed concern about well monitoring. On motion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the subdivision was approved with staff recommendation.

10. Commissioner Boyd reported on the committee's review of the library director candidates. He stated that he interpreted "MLS preferred" to mean those candidates with an MLS would be considered first and that the committee recommended Serafin Roldan for the position.
11. Chairman Hall read a memo that confirmed Jefferson County was eligible for grant funds even without a director possessing an MLS because of the Wilderness Coast Library Association and that if Jefferson County was not under Wilderness Coast, it would not receive state funding without a director possessing an MLS.
12. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to recommend Serafin Roldan for the position of Library Director, to which Commissioner Joyner seconded for discussion.
13. Commissioner Monroe stated his belief that he did not want to take a chance on losing library funding. Commissioner Fulford stated that Jefferson County was in charge of its destiny with Wilderness Coast funding and that this funding was secure. Commissioner Joyner says the statutes call for Library Director with an MLS to get funding and he did not want to risk losing that funding. Commissioner Boyd expressed worry over legislative cuts and about the potential for another county to pull out of Wilderness Coast.
14. Citizen Barnhart stated that Angela Scott was currently her Master's of Library Science and found it "ludicrous" if she was not selected.
15. Citizen Stephen Scott stated the county should be hiring from within and that the citizens' word should mean something.
16. Citizen Keyonna Scott stated her sister has worked hard for the library for over 18 years.
17. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian stated his empathy for Angela Scott for being potentially passed over due to qualification issues.
18. Citizen Rosa Scott stated her daughter has worked hard and a Master's is not needed to run a library.
19. Citizen Marianne Miller expressed her belief that Wilderness Coast was a precarious situation and that no funding meant no library.
20. Cheryl Turner of Wilderness Coast stated she has been acting director for over six months and that Angela Scott had no MLS or supervisory experience.
21. Former Library Director Linda Hamedani stated her belief that a degree was necessary and that she did not recommend Angela Scott for the position.
22. Citizen C.P. Miller stated that the county has previously hired people prior to them obtaining the necessary requirements/certifications and allowed them to pursue the above mentioned while on probation.
23. Citizen O.J. Sloan stated that the county has allowed the Fire Chief to get the necessary certifications.
24. Citizen David Scott stated that someone can rise from the bottom to the top with the necessary assistance.
25. Citizen John Nelson expressed his displeasure with the selection process and spoke of Angela Scott's hard work and service to the citizens of the county.
26. Citizen Nancy Benjamin urged the Board to do what was right.

27. Citizen Shirley Washington expressed disappointment because committee members did not choose a county resident.
28. Citizen Juanita Crumity stated she was disappointed with the Board and that if Angela Scott was not trained properly then she had poor supervisors.
29. Citizen Laverne Wilson stated experience should count and expressed disappointment with the words of the former library director.
30. Citizen Joyce Siplin stated that Franklin County recently hired a director without an MLS and offered that person an opportunity to go to school to obtain this degree. She said the Commissioners needed to step up and progress.
31. Citizen Lisa Reasoner stated her worry that funding could go away if Wilderness Coast disbands.
32. Citizen Alix Cave apologized to Mr. Roldan and explained there was no ill-will towards him. He also voiced concern that there was a lack of minorities on the hiring committee.
33. Citizen Vivian Royster stated there were no minorities represented on the committee and that she felt the verbiage "preferred" nullified "required."
34. Citizen Dick Bailar asked the Board to uphold its personnel policy and stated that the Board had deviated from its policy and bypassed higher ranked individuals with this process.
35. Citizen C.P. Miller stated "what ifs" should not be considered and that to do what was right for the citizens and taxpayers of Jefferson County.
36. Commissioner Boyd once again stated his motion to offer the position of Library Director to Serafin Roldan, to which Commissioner Joyner seconded. By a vote of 3-2 (Hall and Fulford opposed), the motion carried.
37. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
38. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Clerk